

## A SUNDAY SERMON

### SATAN'S EMPIRE FALLING "Millions Now Living Will Never Die"

St. Paul states that Satan is the god of this world. World here means the commercial, political, social and ecclesiastical organization of men. Almost all observe that an unseen evil power influences the affairs of men, causing selfishness, lying, fraud, deceit, cheating, stealing, all kinds of immorality, murder, wars, famine, pestilence, revolution, etc. It is important for their own protection that all understand the cause.

All dominion rightfully belongs to Jehovah. He created man perfect and gave him dominion over the earth. God created Lucifer, a spirit being, perfect. Lucifer became ambitious and said: "I will be like the Most High (God)." (Isaiah 14:14)—I will have an empire of my own. This wicked ambition led him to cause the downfall of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman. He deceived them by telling the first lie: "There is no death." He is the father of lies. (John 8:44). For man's disobedience God sentenced him to death and drove him from Eden. Thereafter all of the human race, descending from Adam, were born; hence they were born imperfect and sinners.

Jehovah changed the name of Lucifer, giving him four names, to-wit: Satan, which means opposer; dragon, which means devourer; serpent, which means deceiver; and devil, which means slanderer. This evil one induced a large number of the angels of heaven to follow him into wickedness. These, together with Satan, oppressed the people and filled the earth with violence. God then destroyed that world, that order of things, by the great flood (2 Peter 3:6), saving out of that destruction only Noah and his family. At the same time He restrained these evil angels in darkness until the judgment day at the end of the world then begun.—2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6.

With the descendants of Abraham God formed a nation and made a covenant with them and named them the nation of Israel. With this nation He established the true religion. Satan with the nations aside from Israel established the false religion, causing them to worship devils. God warned the Israelites to avoid intercourse with the nations under Satan's dominion. Because Israel disregarded God's warning, He enforced His decree against that nation; and in the year 606 B. C. the nation was overthrown and a gentile nation permitted to establish universal rule in the earth. Satan there became the god of the whole world or order of things. From that time forward his earthly organization is symbolically designated in the Scriptures under the title of "wild beast."

Satan's invisible organization consists of a host of evil spirits. Those also deceive by misrepresenting the dead and inducing the living to believe that their dead friends are alive and can communicate with them. Thus Satan's original lie—"There is no death"—is the foundation for all of their fraudulent, deceptive actions. God, through His prophets, indicated that the period of universal gentile dominion would be 2520 years; and beginning in 606 B. C., this period would necessarily end in 1914 A. D. That would mark the date of God's vengeance upon Satan's empire, when He would begin to overthrow it in his chosen way.

God promised to redeem man from death and to restore him to his original dominion. To accomplish this He sent His beloved Son, Jesus, to the earth. Jesus, by his death upon the cross and resurrection, provided and presented the great ransom price for the purchase of man. Jesus ascended to heaven and at Pentecost began the gathering to Himself of his church. This selection of His church must continue until He returns for them, as He promised (John 14:1-4). Those who are faithful until death have the promise of being with Him, spirit beings, in the new heavens.

From Pentecost forward Christians have been looking for the second coming of the Lord, for the overthrow of Satan's empire and for the establishment of the kingdom of righteousness. St. Peter, discussing these worlds, says: "We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13). The new heavens here described are the kingdom of Christ the Messiah, invisible; the new earth is His kingdom visible, amongst men. We have always been taught to pray for the coming of this kingdom, when God's will shall be done on earth as in heaven.

Jesus' disciples asked Him how they might tell when the end of the world should come and when He would be present, and He answered the question. Satan's empire legally ended in 1914 and there Christ, then present, began to oust Satan. Jesus said: "The way you will know of this is, that the trouble will begin with a world war, followed by famine, pestilence and revolution in various places." The gentile times ended August 1, 1914, and exactly on time the World War started. This World War, the great famine that has come since, the pestilence of the Spanish influenza that swept the earth, the revolutions that are now on and have been on for some time in various parts of the earth—all mark the activities of the Lord in overthrowing Satan's empire. To offset the Messianic kingdom Satan has attempted to organize the nations into a great league; and hence he has drawn the commercial power, known as big business, and the political power, known as big politicians, and the ecclesiastical power, known as big churches, into a combination to force upon the people a

league that shall hold the nations together under Satan's rule. The Lord plainly says through the prophet Isaiah that these league and international conferences will fail and Satan's empire fall.—Isaiah 8:9,10.

As further evidence of the end of the world and the judgment of Satan's empire and the presence of the Lord and His kingdom, is the fact that the Jews are returning and rebuilding Palestine and that the clergy have practically abandoned all faith in God's word, many of them denying the Lord.

Jesus furthermore said that at that time the nations would be in distress, the people in perplexity and men's hearts failing them for fear; and we see exactly this condition prevailing. Then He points out that these things will be followed by a time of trouble such as the world has never known; that this trouble will reach its climax and there will never be another like it, because Satan's empire shall be destroyed in this trouble, the evil angels of heaven destroyed, Satan himself bound that he might not deceive the nations during the reign of Messiah (Revelation 20:1-3), and that under His reign the desire of all honest people shall be realized, namely: the establishment of everlasting peace, life, liberty and happiness.

The evidence is overwhelming that the Lord Jesus Christ is now invisibly present and is dashing to pieces Satan's empire, of which the apostle Paul says: "Then shall that wicked one be revealed whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His presence."—2 Thessalonians 2:8.

The jubilee system was a type of the Messianic reign. The jubilees began to count in the year 1575 B. C., according to the Scriptures, and were to cover a period of 3500 years, which would end in 1925 A. D. In the jubilee year full restoration must be made to those who had lost their possessions; this typifies the restoration that shall follow during the reign of Christ. The apostle Peter plainly says that the purpose of the Lord's reign is to restore all things. (Acts 3:19-24). The typical jubilee ended in 1925. All conditions point to a great climax of trouble amongst the nations within the next few years. This means the climax of God's vengeance against Satan's empire, which will completely overthrow and destroy it; and the new heavens (the Messianic empire) and the new earth (organized society on a proper basis of justice and righteousness) will there begin. Under the reign of Messiah the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unstopped, the tongue of the dumb shall sing, the old man shall return to the days of his youth (Isaiah 35; Job 33:25), the dead shall be raised (John 5:28, 29), and every man have one fair and impartial trial for life. The reign of Christ will continue until all enemies of man are destroyed, the last enemy being death. (1 Corinthians 15:25, 26). His reign, therefore, will grant life everlasting on earth to all obedient ones.

In Revelation 21:1-6 the Lord gives us a final picture of how his kingdom shall establish such conditions; that all tears of bitterness, suffering, pain and death shall pass away. The earth likewise shall be brought to an Edenic condition. The destruction of Satan's empire has begun and is in progress. Let us take courage, for soon it will be fully accomplished and Christ the Messiah, in full control, will in His own good time restore to man the dominion which was lost, and the earth will be filled with happiness.

### FARM BUREAU NOTES

#### Annual Meeting Held

Saturday, December 9th, the annual meeting of the St. Francois County Farm Bureau was held. Those in attendance apparently were well pleased with the program as planned and worked out by the committee. The morning was given over to the reports of some of the activities of the Farm Bureau. The program in the afternoon consisted of reports of the Livestock Shipping Association and a brief report of the Purchasing & Sales Association.

The speakers of the afternoon were: Mrs. Lee Roy Johnson, C. B. Denman and W. L. Flannery. Then followed the election of officers for the ensuing year, who are as follows: President, C. C. Schuttler; Vice President, Mrs. C. B. Denman; Secretary, Lee Roy Johnson, and Treasurer, Frank Kollmeyer. These four with the Business Agent and four other members, viz., J. D. Rion, C. B. Denman, Mrs. Lee Roy Johnson and Mrs. Wm. Counts, make up the executive committee. The members of the Agricultural Council are: from I. C. U., Mr. and Mrs. Feozor, Fred Kollmeyer, Wm. Counts, Louis Rost and Mrs. C. B. Denman; Oak Grove, Frank Dunn, Herman Neider, Mrs. Lee Roy Johnson and Mrs. Haynes; Salem, Frank Griffin, Mrs. E. T. Heck; Hazel Run, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mosteller, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Murphy; Three Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Flannery; Primrose, Mrs. Meyer, S. J. Cole; Cartee, Miss Lena Herbst, W. C. Rohlander, and Bismarck, Miss Lottie West, Elmer Scott, Gus Stephens and Mrs. E. W. Hughes.

French Village, Knob Lick-Brightstone, Burch, Cedar Falls, Dos Rios, Libertyville, Valle Forge, Ste. Genevieve, Barton, Sink Hole, Cross Roads, King and Germania did not nominate anyone from their sections. It is hoped that these communities will soon attend to this matter and select their members for the Agricultural Council.

## Charged With Grand Larceny

H. O. Tiffany, a former well known auto mechanic of this city, was brought back from St. Louis Sunday evening by Sheriff Hunt, to answer to the charges of burglary and larceny which had been lodged against him here. Tiffany had been arrested in St. Louis the last of the week, when it was discovered by detectives for an insurance company that he was driving a Hudson car, which they identified as the one that had been stolen on the night of June 14th last from J. P. Cayce in this city. Tiffany had a slight wreck in St. Louis county, and the investigation that followed resulted in the identification of the car by the engine numbers and other marks. Otherwise all identification marks had been eradicated by repainting, changing of wheels, etc.

Last June the garage of J. P. Cayce was broken into and his fine car stolen. Tireless efforts were put forth to trace the thief, as well as the car. But all efforts apparently failed of results, until the little accident in St. Louis county last week, which disclosed the stolen car and perhaps the thief. At the time the car was stolen there was considerable suspicion of Tiffany, and it was often openly expressed, but evidently no direct evidence could be found to connect him up with the theft. He had been working on the stolen car, and it was said that, aside from the Cayce family, he was the only one who knew how to open the garage door. Up to that time Tiffany had been well thought of in this community, in fact was quite popular with many, and it was perhaps such friendliness that prevented his arrest at that time.

His preliminary hearing was set for Monday afternoon, which he waived, and his bond was fixed at \$2,000 and he was returned to jail. As yet he has failed to give bond, in which case he will be compelled to remain in jail until trial date, which perhaps will be at the February term of circuit court.

## Showing of Careful Crossing Campaign

The Times has just received another report showing the result of the Careful Crossing Campaign, giving the latest figures on the results of that work, which on the whole seem encouraging.

These figures, however, indicate that while some good has been accomplished, the great majority of careless drivers, who are principally responsible for such accidents, think themselves too "wise" to be in need of the caution that this work is intended to instill in everyone who uses the public highways.

The latest figures in this campaign, together with a comparison of similar figures for the same dates in 1921, are as follows:

Total number of highway crossing accidents for 1921, 4,385; for 1922, 4,658; percentage of increase for 1922, 6.2 per cent.

Total number of persons killed at highway crossings for 1921, 621; for 1922, 729; increase for 1922, 8; increase for 1922, 1.1 per cent.

Total number of persons injured at highway crossings for 1921, 1,807; for 1922, 1,850; increase, 43; increase for 1922, 2.3 per cent.

In view of the fact that the volume of railroad business has increased during 1922 over 1921, 9.7 per cent, and the registration of automobiles has increased 21 per cent, the results show that Careful Crossing Campaign is producing results, even though they are not as great as they should be and ought to be.

### OLD CITIZEN DROPS DEAD

Al. Woolen, aged 68 years, dropped dead Monday evening, Dec. 4th, while on his way home from work. His home was in Silver Springs, near Bonne Terre. Deceased was well known in Farmington, where for a number of years he made his home, and has many old friends in this vicinity, who will be grieved to learn of his death.

For many years Mr. Woolen had worked in the lead belt, most of which time was employed in drilling. His wife and a large family, consisting of seventeen children, survive him. Interment was made in this city last Friday.

### PORTER-HOUGH

Mr. and Mrs. John Hough announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruby Lee, to Edwin P. Porter, which occurred at Springfield, Ill., Sept. 14, last.

Mrs. Porter is a beautiful and accomplished young lady, and prior to four years ago Farmington was her home, and she is a graduate of F. H. S. She is at present nursing at the St. Lukes Hospital in St. Louis, where she completed the trained nurse's course in 1919.

Mr. Porter is an architect and is an estimable young business man. The Times joins the happy couple's host of friends in wishing them much happiness.

Justice Zolman reports the marriage of William Mitchell and Miss Ida Leachance, of Bonne Terre, and Everett Lewis and Miss Irene Hueckley, of Gumbo, on Saturday, Dec. 9th.

County Collector Brewer reports a large number of taxpayers in the county have not yet made settlement for the present year's taxes. It will be economy not to delay this matter much longer, as a penalty must be added after the New Year dawns.

## Good Work for New Schedule

The Railroad Committee recently appointed by the Chamber of Commerce has not only been industrious, but have been accomplishing something for the good of the community, as the following resolutions will indicate:

Whereas, the railroad services in the City of Farmington have for some time been inadequate for the requirements of an entirely satisfactory to our people; and

Whereas, the feeling between our people and the electric railroad company had reached the point where there was, to say the least, very little co-operation to the mutual welfare of all concerned; and

Whereas, the electric railroad company has been losing money in the operation of its passenger cars, and our people deprived of the service that a city of our size and importance requires for its continued growth and prosperity; and

Whereas, because of the shrinkage in number of passengers carried by said railroad company and necessarily shrinkage in revenue from passenger traffic, due to the conditions stated, there was a real danger of the company discontinuing its passenger cars running between Farmington and Flat River; and thereby depriving our city of such service altogether; and

Whereas, such a condition would without doubt result in checking the growth of our city and the prosperity of our people and in short, be a most unfortunate happening to all concerned; and

Whereas, at the request of the officers of the electric railroad company and of the business men of Farmington a committee was appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to co-operate with the railroad company and assist it in working out some plan whereby an improved service and a better feeling between our people and the railroad company might be had in the future to the end that all concerned might profit thereby; and

Whereas, the committee has reported that it has had several conferences with the officers of the electric railroad company and that the company has expressed its willingness to do everything reasonable within its power to give our people a good and satisfactory service so as to meet the requirements of the largest possible number of people, and especially those whose daily employment takes them to the Lead Belt towns; that the company has substantiated such willingness by adopting and advertising a new schedule, to begin Sunday, December 17, of seven round-trip passenger runs between Farmington and Flat River, together with a reduction in fares; that it will later add one or more additional runs if the people of Farmington will furnish them evidence that they are necessary and practicable, and that the officers of the company solicit a closer and more mutual feeling between the company and its patrons than has been evident in the past. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Chamber of Commerce has confidence in the proposed arrangements resulting in much good for all concerned; that the railroad company, by making the new schedule of seven round-trip runs between Farmington and Flat River each day, with promises of additions if necessary, and of other improvements that it has in mind, has shown that it desires the good will and co-operation of our people and is making an effort to meet their requirements for better and more frequent service so far as is practicable, especially for those whose daily employment takes them to the Lead Belt towns; be it further

Resolved, That we hope the people of Farmington will do everything in their power to assist to build up the passenger business of the railroad company, to the end that the proposed schedule may be maintained without great loss to the company, and bettered if possible; that Farmington might continue to grow in size and prosperity, and not take a step backward, as would doubtless result if our railroad service should be discontinued altogether. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the local newspapers, copies furnished the officers of the railroad company, and that they be printed in leaflet form and as many copies be furnished our business people as they may require.

### ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9th, was the occasion of a very enjoyable social affair, given in the music room of the new high school. Mrs. J. W. Reaves entertained with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Mary Ware and Mrs. Jess O'Neal. The opening and examining of the many beautiful and useful gifts was followed by a word-building contest, in which Miss Lucille Smith won the prize.

Later a program was rendered of piano selections by Misses Tolleson, Evans, and Wise, and a reading by Miss Halley. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and wafers were then served by Misses Barrett, Evans, Mills, Tolleson, Goodin, Taylor, Eaton and Clay.

Out of town guests were: Mrs. Walter Town, of Detroit; Mesdames W. R. and L. R. Larratt and Miss Irene Barrett, of Webster Groves, and Mesdames O'Neal and Mills, of Franklinc. Leadwood guests included the members of the Mothers' and Patrons' Club, the wives of the members of the school board and the ladies of the public school faculty.

## Fine Christmas Gift in Prospect

This community has every reason to expect, and is expecting a gift that will be of inestimable value to all our people, to be bestowed in time for the gladsome Christmas holiday season. This very excellent gift will be a greatly improved time schedule on the electric road between this city and Flat River. The latest information from the managers of that line was that they expected to inaugurate the new schedule next Sunday. But whether or not it is operative at that time, it surely will be in force before Christmas. This will mean greatly added service and convenience, and should accomplish considerable in addition to the Christmas joys.

But, beginning with the New Year, this community should resolve to go after even greater things, so as to make the incoming year one to be long and gratefully remembered. It occurs to The Times that even the best possible service from the electric line could be very materially improved.

Do you ask how? By inducing the M. R. & B. T. railroad to run their main line into Farmington, thus giving to the county seat of St. Francois, which is one of the most populous and wealthiest counties in this great commonwealth, a real railroad, over which would be run trains at frequent intervals. This paper believes that such an accomplishment would not be impossible, with the establishment of a proper spirit of support and co-operation, which is practically present now, and will soon be, we believe, on a firm footing, after the electric line has put in its proposed new schedule.

It would not be a long distance to go in order to bring steam cars into this city. The electric line roadbed could be converted into use, by straightening some of the shorter curves and slightly reducing a few grades, so that the expense of converting that roadbed would not be at all expensive. If the M. R. & B. T. officials could be interested in such a promotion, and we do not think it at all improbable, when they find local conditions to their liking, then it should not be impossible to have plans started for such work before the new year passes into history.

Would that not be a prize worth striving for? What do you say, folks? Let's go after it. It would be a paying investment, both for the railroad and the community, even though it may cost us considerable.

### COUNTY COURT

Court met pursuant to adjournment with all officers present.

The following bids were received on the road projects advertised:

Project No. 1—Farmington-Fredricktown road; Mode Coffman, \$1.38; F. T. O'Dell, \$1.57; Ed. Hawn, \$1.34; Rickus & Denman, \$1.50; Henry Branning, \$1.18.

Project No. 2—Bismarck-Leadwood road; Mode Coffman, \$1.34; F. T. O'Dell, \$1.49; Ed. Hawn, \$1.49.

Project No. 3—Turley Mill road; Mode Coffman, \$1.27; F. T. O'Dell, \$1.48; Ed. Hawn, \$1.39.

Ordered by the court that Henry Branning be awarded the contract on Project No. 1, and Mode Coffman be awarded contracts on Projects Nos. 2 and 3.

Ordered by the court that the settlement of C. F. Henrich for improvement of the Antoine-Henrich road in the sum of \$204 be and the same is hereby approved.

Ordered by the court that the settlement of O. Arnoldi for improvement of the Oelsen-Arnoldi road in the sum of \$200 be and the same is hereby approved.

Ordered by the court that the monthly warrants drawn for the support of the following persons be reduced to the amounts as given, Sam Brim, \$5; W. L. Worden \$3.

Ordered by the court that T. E. Smith be appointed superintendent of the County Infirmary for one year from Dec. 6, 1922, to Dec. 6, 1923, and his salary fixed at \$85 per month and his bond fixed at \$500, which was given and approved by the court.

Ordered by the court that a warrant be drawn monthly in the sum of \$8 for the support of Mrs. Ingalls.

Ordered by the court that J. N. Copeland be appointed supervisor of an appropriation and donation in the sum of \$715 for improvement of the Bonne Terre-Cadet road.

Ordered by the court that the settlement of F. H. Millen for improvement of the Valle Mines-Hazel Run road in the sum of \$122 be approved. Pool table license granted to Ed Curlee at Elvins.

Ordered by the court that the settlement of Albert Belken for improvement of the Jackson-Libertyville road in the sum of \$1641 be approved.

Ordered by the court that the County Surveyor survey and mark out a new road as prayed for in the petition filed by John A. Dietzler, et al.

Ordered by the court that the settlement of R. F. Harvey for improvement of the German Church road.

Ordered by the court that the bond of Lovell Turley, Surveyor-elect, be and the same is hereby approved.

### DEATH OF OLD

#### TRAVELING SALESMAN

A social of Dec. 12th in a St. Louis paper from Cape Girardeau tells of a sudden death in that city of J. P. Vynch, a salesman for the Jones Woodware Co. of St. Louis, at a hotel there. Mr. Vynch was well known in Farmington, and was 70 years old. Death was sudden, supposedly from heart trouble.

## Circuit Court Adjourns to Monday

Circuit Court adjourned Wednesday afternoon until next Monday, when Judge Huck will again convene the term for the trial of several cases that will be heard by the Judge, and which will probably consume two or three days, after which the present term will be finally adjourned.

While there was a heavy docket for the present term, it was impossible to bring many of the cases to trial, for different reasons. Many of the cases have been continued from term to term, until most of them are thought to possess but little merit as trial cases. All such cases will perhaps be dismissed at the February term, in order to get a clean slate and a new start, largely out of justice to the new Prosecuting Attorney, who could not be expected to have the line on such cases that his predecessor may have had.

Wednesday morning Judge Huck dismissed the regular panel of petit jurors with a few appropriate remarks, thanking them for their apparent willingness to render service in the administration of justice, which remarks were highly appreciated by the jurymen. They immediately got together and drew up the following testimonial, which was signed by all the jurymen, and presented to Judge Huck in appropriate manner:

"We, the petit jurors at the November term, 1922, of the circuit court of St. Francois county, desire to express our thanks and feeling of appreciation to Judge Peter Huck for the pleasant and congenial manner in which he has treated us during our service as jurors, and to wish him a happy Christmas season."

It is the general feeling, in which Judge Huck coincides, that the present term of court has not been productive of as much leaving as it should have been, owing largely to the enforced absence of several interested attorneys who are members of the Constitutional Convention, and other causes. But Judge Huck is now convinced there must hereafter be more firmness used in the bringing of cases to trial, and hereafter he proposes to insist on the cases being taken up as docketed, unless some real reason exists for their continuance.

## A Capable List of Contestants

The list of contestants in our Missing Word Contest is remaining well up toward the 100 per cent. mark. The few who have dropped from the list of active participants have been far more than made up by the new ones who have entered since the opening of the contest.

Another thing that illustrates the interest that is being taken is the large number of correct answers that are sent in each week, which forces the conclusion that whole families are lending their assistance to the contestant in such families. What other conclusion could be reached when so many correct answers are sent in each week, even though some of the missing words have been very difficult to discover, in our opinion.

The Times management has also been gratified by the number of advertisers on our contest page reporting splendid results to them, which is directly traceable to this advertising. The Times management thought the word last week would be almost impossible of discovery, and yet many correct answers have arrived. The Missing Word last week occurred in the advertisement of J. H. Sisson, Chiropractor, being "fine", and should have appeared between the words "one" and "morning."

In order to try and narrow the lead to as few contestants as possible, for this week we are going to give only the beginning letter of the desired word, which is "a". This narrowing down process is of no advantage to us, but it will be to the one who proves to have the keenest mind for this sort of thing, as if there is a single leader in this contest, she or he will receive all of the capital prize money, while if there are two or more, it will have to be "split" accordingly. However, there are twelve smaller prizes, so that we trust all those who are particularly successful in finding the Missing Words will come in for one of the prizes.

### GEORGE BRAND COMMITTS SUICIDE

George Brand, an old citizen of Bonne Terre, died at the home of his step-son there last Saturday morning, about 6 o'clock, the result of a shot, apparently from a revolver, the bullet entering the right side of his head, just above the ear. His death at first was thought by many to have been murder, but an examination by a physician indicated that it was suicide, which was the verdict of the coroner's jury which was empaneled to investigate into the death.

Deceased had had considerable entanglements with the law for some time. His family relations had also been somewhat chaotic, having had considerable trouble with his wife, who but recently left him. It is supposed that brooding over his troubles is what caused him to do away with himself. He was about 70 years old.

### VOCATIONAL SCHOOL NOTES

Four new enrollments the past week.

Present enrollment, 119. The student body was greatly favored with addresses delivered by U. C. Harmon and Dr. Gilbert Monday.